Draft Guidance on Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide; Quinidine Sulfate

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Active ingredient: Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide; Quinidine Sulfate

Form/Route: Capsule/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo

Strength: 20 mg; 10 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and females, general population.

Additional comments: Females should not be pregnant or lactating, and if applicable, should practice abstention or contraception during the study. Subjects with any of the following should be excluded:

- History of quinidine, quinine or mefloquine-induced thrombocytopenia, hepatitis, or other hypersensitivity reactions.
- Known hypersensitivity to dextromethorphan, current use of an MAOI or within 14 days of stopping an MAOI, prolonged QT interval, congenital long QT syndrome, history suggestive of torsades de pointes, or heart failure, complete atrioventricular (AV) block without implanted pacemaker, or patients at high risk of complete AV block.
- QTc interval of >480 msec by ECG in baseline 12-lead ECG.

2. Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo

Strength: 20 mg; 10 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and females, general population. Additional comments: See above "Additional comments"

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Dextromethorphan and Quinidine in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Dextromethorphan and Quinidine

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: Not Applicable

Please note that a **Dissolution Methods Database** is available to the public at the OGD website at http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the application.